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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FIRST DRAFT OF NWFZ STUDY INTRODUCTION  
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### INTRODUCTION

1. THE UNITED NATIONS AND THE NUCLEAR AGE WERE BORN VIRTUALLY  
SIMULTANEOUSLY. BETWEEN THE SIGNING OF THE CHARTER ON 26 JUNE  
1945 AND ITS COMING INTO FORCE ON 24 OCTOBER, THE SECOND WORLD  
WAR, ENDED ABRUPTLY AND DEVASTATINGLY WITH THE USE OF ATOMIC  
WEAPONS AGAINST THE CITIES OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI, AND IT  
WAS EVIDENT TO ALL THAT AN AWESOME NEW WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION  
HAD BEEN CREATED. EFFORTS TO REMOVE THESE ARMAMENTS FROM THE  
ARSENALS OF STATES BEGAN IMMEDIATELY. THE FIRST RESOLUTION EVER  
ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY - RESOLUTION 1(1) OF 24 JANUARY  
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1946 - CALLED FOR SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR THE ELIMINATION FROM

NATIONAL ARMAMENTS OF ATMOIC WEAPONS AND OF ALL WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION, AND THROUGHOUT ITS EXISTENCE THE UNITED NATIONS HAS BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN ENDEAVOURS TO PREVENT NUCLEAR WAR AND TO ACHIEVE NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT.

2. THE HISTORY OF THE ATTEMPTS TO REACH THESE GOALS HAS INCLUDED SEVERAL NOTABLE AGREEMENTS, PARTICULARLY THE PARTIAL TEST BAN TREATY, THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, AND INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS ON THE SEA BED AND OUTER SPACE. NONETHELESS, THE FACT REMAINS THAT THE DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THEIR DELIVERY SYSTEMS HAS CONTINUED AND HAS EXPANDED, AND REMAINS A MAJOR CONCERN OF STATES AND OF THE WORLD ORGANIZATION.

3. THE EFFECTS OF THE POSSIBLE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND THE SECURITY AND ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS FOR STATES OF THE ACQUISITION AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THESE WEAPONS, HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN A STUDY SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (SEE FOOTNOTE) TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 2162 A (/8). IT MAY BE RECALLED THAT THE REPORT STATED THAT: "SINCE THE SENSE OF INSECURITY ON THE PART OF NATIONS IS THE CAUSE OF THE ARMS RACE, WHICH IN TURN ENHANCES THAT VERY INSECURITY, AND IN SO FAR AS NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS ARE THE END OF A SPECTRUM WHICH BEGINS WITH CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, THE PROBLEM OF REVERSING THE TREND OF A RAPIDLY WORSENING WORLD SITUATION CALLS FOR A BASIC RE-APPRAISAL OF ALL INTERRELATED FACTORS." THE REPORT STRESSED THAT WHILE THE MOST EFFECTIVE SOLUTION WOULD BE GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, THE CREATION OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES WOULD BE "OF MAJOR ASSISTANCE" IN THE TAST OF SOLVING THE PERILS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND MADE SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO THE ANTARCTIC AND LATIN AMERICAN NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES, ESTABLISHED IN 1959 AND 1967 RESPECTIVELY.

(FOOTNOTE: EFFECTS OF THE POSSIBLE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND THE SECURITY AND ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS FOR STATES OF THE ACQUISITION AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THESE WEAPONS, REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TRANSMITTING THE STUDY OF HIS CONSULTATIVE GROUP, DEPT. OF POLITICAL AND SECURITY COUNCIL AFFAIRS, UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. 1968.)

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4. THE WENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SAW A CONSIDERABLE INCREASE OF INTEREST BY THE NON-NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES IN THE CREATION OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES. THE INITIATIVE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE QUESTION OF SUCH ZONES WAS THE RESULT OF A WIDESPREAD DESIRE TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF DEVISING SOLUTIONS WHICH COULD HELP STATES TO MAKE PROGRESS IN THEIR REGIONAL EFFORTS TO EXCLUDE NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM THEIR TERRITORIES. ACCORDINGLY, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AT ITS 2309TH

PLENARY MEETING ON 9 DECEMBER 1974 PASSED RESOLUTION 3261 F (XXIX) WHICH RESOLVED, INTER ALIA, THAT A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES IN ALL OF ITS ASPECTS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN BY AN AD HOC GROUP OF QUALIFIED GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT, THAT THE REPORT SHOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO THE THIRTIETH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND THAT THE ITEM BE INCLUDED IN THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF ITS THIRTIETH SESSION.

5. THIS STUDY ATTEMPTS TO DEFINE THE CONCEPT, AND TO POINT OUT THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE CREATION OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS BOTH FOR ZONAL AND EXTRA-ZONAL STATES. IT DOES NOT ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH PRECISE RULES, AS IT IS THE JUDGEMENT OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS THAT CIRCUMSTANCES VARY SO WIDELY THAT A PRAGMATIC AND FLEXIBLE APPROACH WILL BE NECESSARY IN EACH CASE. NONETHELESS, CERTAIN GENERAL GUIDELINES COULD BE ESTABLISHED IN CASES WHERE NATIONS AGREED THAT NUCLEAR-WEAPON-FREE ZONES WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROCESS OF NUCLEAR DISARMEMENT, OF LIMITING NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, AND OF STRENGTHENING REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY. THE STUDY AVOIDS DRAWING CONCLUSIONS IN THOSE AREAS IN WHICH THE POINTS OF VIEW OF GOVERNMENTS ARE STRONGLY DIVERGENT. THESE ARE DESCRIBED FOR EXAMINATION OF THE PROBLEM BY THE GOVERNMENTS INVOLVED.

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